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1. No aircraft were parked at the Merseburg (M 52/D 91) airfield field in the summer of 1949. There was reconditioning work at the field, even also in rainy weather. German weapons and ammunition were stored in the five partially destroyed hangars on the southern edge of the field and in cantonment buildings on the northwestern edge of the field. One searchlight at the southwestern corner and one at the southeastern corner spotted the field area at night. The DF cabin, which had a loop antenna, was unoccupied. A cup anemometer was on the roof of the flight control station.
2. A Soviet artillery detail which was quartered in the field kasernes had charge of supervision of three German fatigue details engaged in derusting and overhauling the former German weapons. The field area was guarded by a Soviet Zone German police unit. The field kasernes were, in addition to the Soviet Army detail, occupied by Soviet Zone German policemen, employees of the Luna Plant and by German civilians.

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